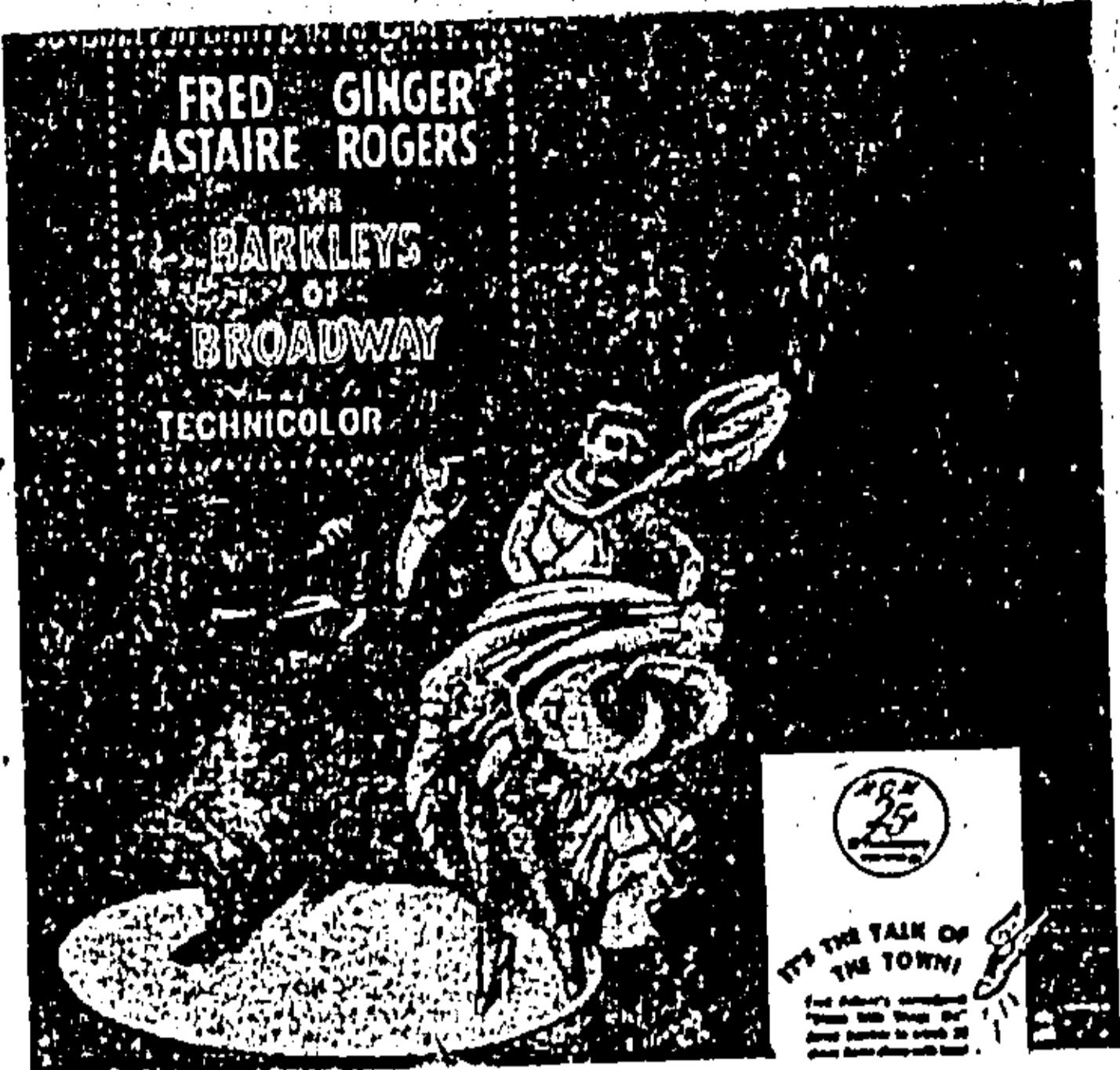




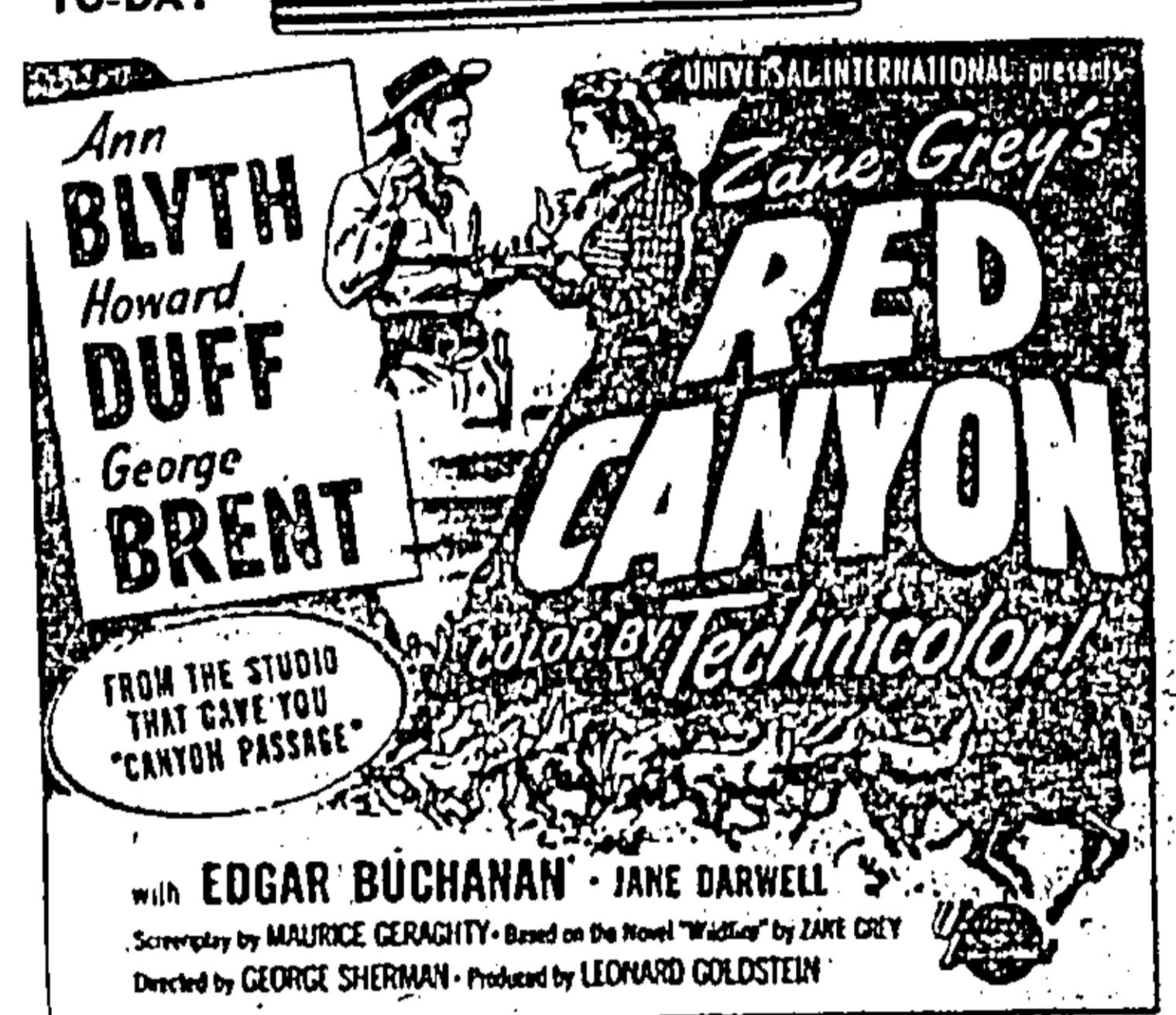
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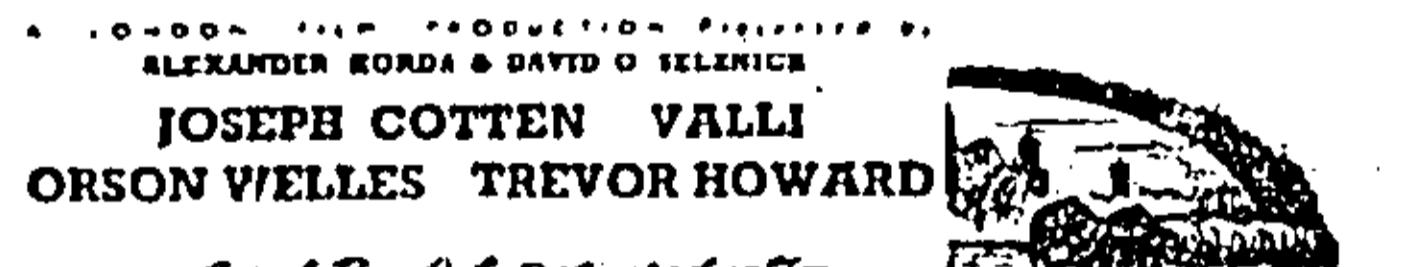
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WOMANSENSE

Chinese Art In London

LONDON.

"WE have lost our com-
placency, and that is
why we appreciate Chinese
art today. The appeal lies
in its very simplicity" said
James Laver, Keeper of
Engraving and Painting at
the Victoria and Albert
Museum, when he opened
an exhibition of Chinese
paintings by Ling Su-Hun,
in the Adams Gallery, Lon-
don.

This Chinese writer and painter, whose real name is Madame Chen Yuan, was formerly Keeper of the Department of Paintings and Calligraphy at the Chinese National Museum in Peking. She has been a teacher of painting at Peking University, and when the famous Exhibition of Chinese Art was shown in Nanking before it left for the Burlington House in 1936, an exclusive exhibition of contemporary Chinese painting was shown there with it. Ling Su-Hun was the only woman artist re-
presented.

When I first entered the gallery I certainly appreciated the simplicity of this traditional Chinese work, a very disarming simplicity. But I found several people, not Chinese, who disagreed with many of James Laver's remarks.

The Chinese have been painting in exactly this manner for over three thousand years, I was told. Does this mean they have achieved perfection, or does it mean they have reached the limit of their powers? And who can decide whether art is perfect?

By
Joan Erskine

One artist I met there ex-
pressed the view that the very
traditions they upheld were
limiting, and that their work
had become far too stylised.

Another appreciating the
technical artistry of the brush-
work thought the paintings if
used for textile design, would
simply raise the quality of
textiles.

Ying, Madame Chen's daughter,
was studying art at the Slade
School. She explained to me
that the medium used was ink
and Chinese paint, and pointed
out that when painting in this
manner there was no room
for error. When using oils it
is possible to paint over mis-
takes, but not with the Chinese
method.

Ultimately, therefore,
a Chinese artist develops a sure-
ness and distinctness that can
finish as expert draughtsman-
ship, or can be merely a
supreme sleight-of-hand.

Soul Pictures

James Laver said Ling Su-
Hun's paintings are soul pic-
tures, painted from the heart.
Poetry painted on silk and rice-
paper. Often the poem blends
so perfectly with the picture,
and the picture with the poem,
that it is inscribed as part of
the painting. It might also be
said that many Western paint-
ers put their souls on canvas,
but in that event, they seem to
possess uncommonly sordid
souls—said Laver.

Father Christmas Celebrates

'First Birthday'



Father Christmas with a
birthday cake in national
costume. Miss Sonia Abersold,
the Anglo-Swiss Society were
celebrating their first birth-
day. Left: Miss Jean Mc-
Donald, 20, was at the party,
camellias in her hair, Roman
coins for a necklace.

HOME-MADE GIFT MADE GLAMOROUS

NEW YORK.
ANYBODY who accuses
American housewives of
turning into short-eared cooks should
take a look at holiday prepara-
tions in the kitchens.

The frozen foods and ready
mixes may save hours in meal
preparing, but for many women
there is still no substitute for
the fancy homemade Christmas
cookies, dipped candles and rich
fruit cakes and puddings.

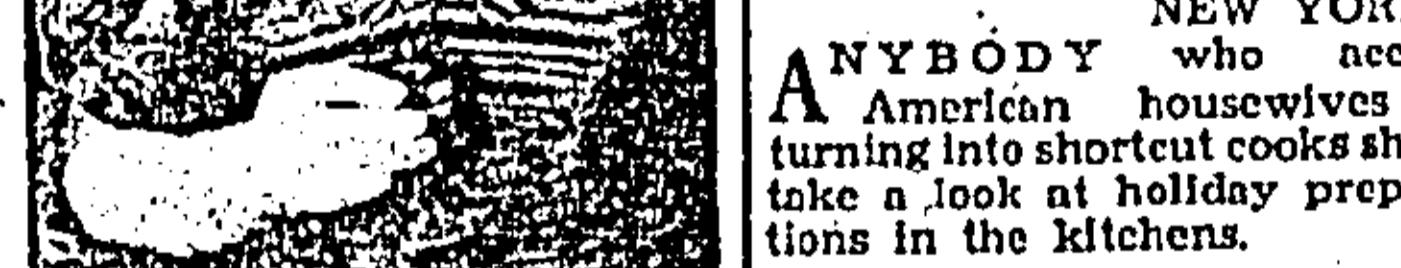
And it's still hard to duplicate
the personal gift of fruit cake
or fancy bread or candy baked
and decorated at home. One
suggestion for a homemade gift
is a new version of fruit bread.
It's filled with fruits and nuts,
with a combination of rolled oats and brown sugar
to give an unusual texture and
flavour.

Recipe

Ingredients: 1/4 cup fat; 1/2
cup firmly-packed brown sugar;
1 egg, well beaten; 1/2 cup
chopped Brazil nuts, pecans or
walnuts; 1/2 cup cooked dried
prunes; 1/2 cup cooked dried
apricots; 1 tablespoon grated
orange rind; 1 cup rolled oats; 2
cups sifted all-purpose flour; 2
teaspoons baking powder; 1/2 teasp.
soda; 1/2 teasp. salt; 1/4 cups
buttermilk or sour milk.

One of these loaves, wrapped
in cellophane and tied with red
twine with a sprig of greens
tucked in the bow, makes a very
attractive gift. And for something
simpler in the way of a
holiday treat, especially in a
family where the youngsters
expect a handy supply of
cookies and candy to serve
young visitors, there's a new
recipe for crunchy pecan,
brown sugar and puffed rice or
puffed wheat balls.

And finally, Paris says: "Put a
feather in your cap." French
pheasants and cockerels have
beautified their plumes to
velvet cloches, velours berets
and close-fitting bonnets, asym-
metrically haloed. The contrast
is expect a handy supply of
cookies and candy to serve
young visitors, there's a new
recipe for crunchy pecan,
brown sugar and puffed rice or
puffed wheat balls.



Paris Likes Exaggerations

What of the grande robe du
soir? Has Paris been able to
resist exaggerating recent even-
ing styles? No, she has not.
Plunging necklines arrived, and
now... plunge still further.
Jaques Fath, for one, has slashed
his nearly to the waist. Topless
dresses are now even more
decollete. Matching stoles, still
much in evidence, are longer.
Short evening dresses have full-
length bustles. Jaques Fath's
original was in swathed green
velvet, tightly bustled; the de-
colletage was complemented with
green and violet satin ribbons.
This use of satin to decorate
velvet is frequent. One designer
uses black velvet sheathes of a
dress with a green satin bow.
Another circles black velvet with
red satin, lets the ends fall into
a train.

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Spring Suits With Fresh Details

Apart from the controversy
over Chinese and Western
painting, visitors to the exhibi-
tion were charmed by the de-
licacy of the work displayed.
On closer examination of some
of the paintings, I noticed tiny
details that almost escaped the
eye. "A Chinese Orish" sitting
on a twig had a tiny snail
crawling towards it. "Morning
Glories"—a flower piece had a
minute indigo bird on a stem.
Somehow these details seemed
to bring these dainty paintings
down to earth, in a very human
way.

To retain her skill, Ling Su-
Hun practices brushwork every

day, and crisp plique insets are
among the fresh touches on
spring suits. Shorter jackets
combined sometimes with slightly
flared skirts and scaled down
details, are specially suited to
the petite figure. A New York
spring collection ranges from
run tailored single and double
breasted suits to dressy types
suitable for Easter Sunday.

Among these last are the dolman
sleeve suits, one with shirring at
the shoulder, another with bend
undercollar.

A dresy look is also achieved
by the diagonal closing suits—
one carries the button line of the
jacket straight down the skirt,
while another has embroidered
pocket cuffs that curve around
to the back. Cape treatments

provide another dressy idea. A
checkered suit has a waist
length jacket which looks like a
cape in back, but has sleeves in
the front, while another model
has a shoulder capelet that dips
to form a triangle at back with
the apex at the waist.

Boy Look

Boxy suits with small collars
present the little boy look for
spring, their silt pockets at the
waist providing a novel note in
this feminine fashion.

Plique perks up many a collarless
neckline or reinforces small
collars.

It also makes detachable vests
on tailored one-button suits;
giving fresh interest to these
classic perennials.

Wide gabardine is favoured
in the suit collection, fabric
lineup is rounded out by dotted,
striped and checked worsteds.

Novelty Collars

Novelty collars, especially
those that are wide and notched,
and the variety of belted treat-
ments are news notes in the top-
per group. Fabrics include suede,
fleece and broadcloth. The low-
slung belt on the topper with side
entrance pockets is news-
worthy. Soft shoulder treatments,
whether rounded or with a
dropped seam, are popular.
Especially good is the 23-inch
double-breasted style with a
flared cut. A boxy topper with
waist pockets is a good com-
panion to the boy suits with
similar detail.

Typical Approach

Typical of the Chinese approach
is "A Poet"—which depicts a
lake with a tiny boat in the
centre, and an even littler
poet seated in it—the man
surrounded by all the poetry of
nature.

Ling Su-Hun spent many
weeks of patient research in
the Peking Museum while she
was painting "Winter in the
Mountain"—a scene of smooth
swirling brush-strokes that con-
veyed feeling with no effort
whatsoever. Ying's favourite
painting there was "Orchid".

She has been in this country
for two years now, as her hus-
band is the Chinese represen-
tative on UNESCO. Several
Western scenes are incorporated
in the exhibition. My personal
favourite was a long wall panel
called "Early Spring in Regent's
Park". It showed ducks in the
water, splashing about merrily,
but painted in traditional
Chinese style.

A fresh, sweet-smelling con-
dition can be restored to your
refrigerator which has a musty
smell with baking soda. Wash
refrigerator walls and fittings
with solution of one tablespoon
of soda to one quart of water.
Baking soda does the job be-
cause it emulsifies the greasy
film that clings to the walls and
traps food odours.

This Carmen Sings In Eight Languages



Girl with the red rose and the kiss-curl is Polish-born opera star Eugenia Zarecka, mezzo-soprano—ready to take the stage at Covent Garden as Carmen. Mme. Zarecka sings in English, Polish, French, German, Italian, Russian, Spanish, and Ukrainian. She will shortly return to the Continent for a series of guest-star performances as Carmen.

Adequate Exercise in Winter



A clear, fresh-looking complexion is Actress Lisa Kirk's reward for getting adequate sleep and lots of exercise.

By HELEN FOLETT

ARE you an outdoor girl, or
capillaries are like a series of
elastic tubes. The capillaries
are fond of outdoor sports
which give colour to the cheeks
are so tiny their walls are
transparent, allowing only the
passage of a single corpuscle at
a time. Unless one is active, has
fresh air, these little workers
are sluggish and the skin is pale.
Then one has to get busy with
the rouge compact.

You can put colour in your
complexion by doing deep-
breathing exercise. Stand in
front of an open window, chest
high, tummy flat, figure tall,
hands on hips. Take a long deep
breath, lifting the chest even
higher, pulling the abdominal
muscles up under your ribs. In-
hale through the nostrils, exhale
through the lips.

You mustn't mind if teacher
harp on health measures. The
time has long gone by when
women believed that cosmetics
could work miracles.



BY
IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Christmas Dinner In Mexico

IN Mexico there is really a
Christmas season, for cele-
brations begin on the sixteenth
of December and continue
through New Year's Day until
January 6, or the feast of the
Epiphany, when the gifts are
distributed.

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Household Hints

To remove perspiration odours
from clothes, sponge the spots
with warm water to which you
have added a few drops of vine-
gar. Sprinkle with powdered
peppermint (obtainable from drug-
stores), let stand an hour or
two, then brush off the powder
and sponge with clean water.

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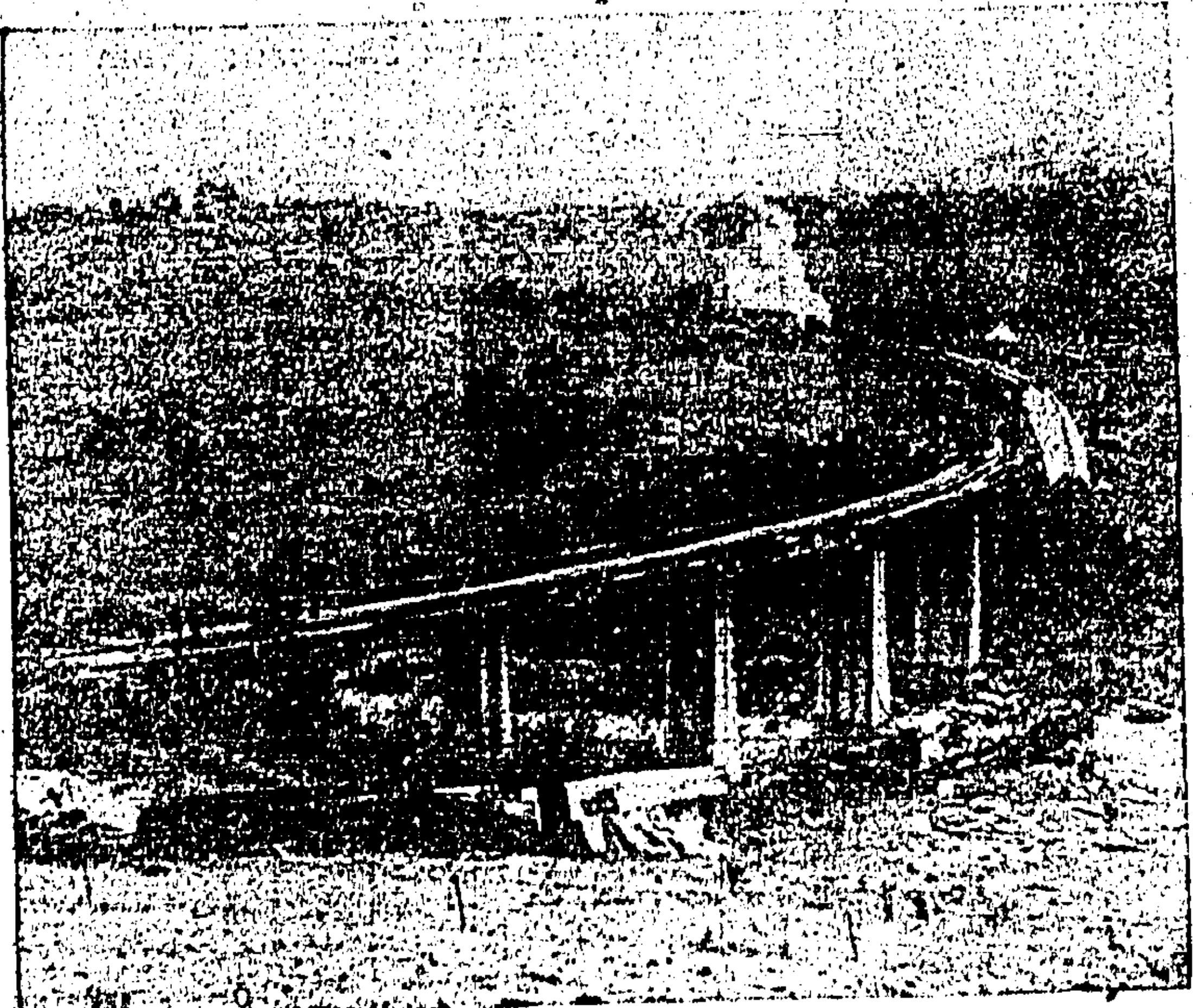
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PICTORIAL NEWSFRONT



TRAIN DISASTER—A wrecked engine and coaches are strewn about near Waterval Boven, in South Africa, after jumping the rail on the Elands River bridge and plunging 70 feet. Most of the passengers were natives, of whom 57 were killed and 104 were injured.



THE WINNER!—Chemistry teacher Joan Thiman samples some spaghetti which she made in a Garden City, N.Y., classroom. She's also clutching the round-trip ticket to Europe she won for writing a 25-word letter explaining why she liked spaghetti.



BRIEF ENCOUNTER—It looks as if this puppy didn't plan his meeting with the polar bear cub in Moscow. The dog's hair literally seems to be standing on end. The encounter of the two animals probably did not ripen into friendship.



FORGING AHEAD—Piper Laurie is one young Hollywood actress who isn't letting movies interfere with her education. Her seven-year contract begins after she graduates from high school next spring.

SQUEEZE PLAY—Tony Lavelli, former Yale basketball star, appearing with Pat, left, and Gloria Hamilton in a Boston night club, has a new contract. He's signed with the Boston Celtics of the U.S. National Basketball Association not only to play ball but to play his accordion between game halves.



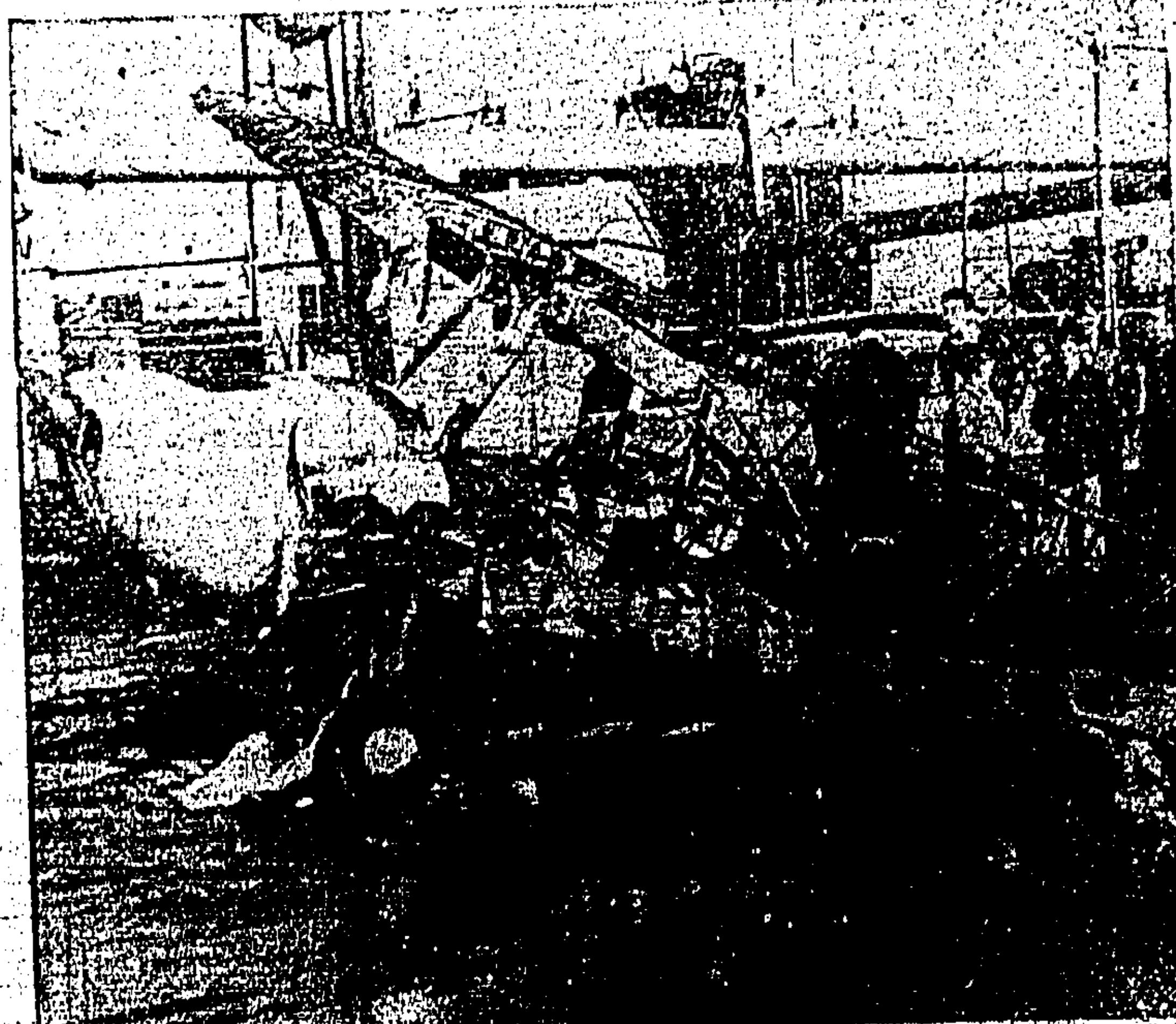
GETTING A PREVIEW—Little Wilma Ford, of the Bronx, N.Y., kisses one of the dolls dressed for a radio contest sponsored by the Save The Children Federation. The dolls will be distributed at Christmas parties in rural schools, and thousands of little girls in isolated areas will be happy.



WHITE HOUSE CALL—Making a bicycle trip from Quebec to California, Joseph Cumerlengo, 18, left, of Somerville, Mass., and Charles A. Mead, 18, of Norwell, Mass., make a stop at the White House in Washington, D. C. The doorkeeper, Williams Simmons, greeted them there.



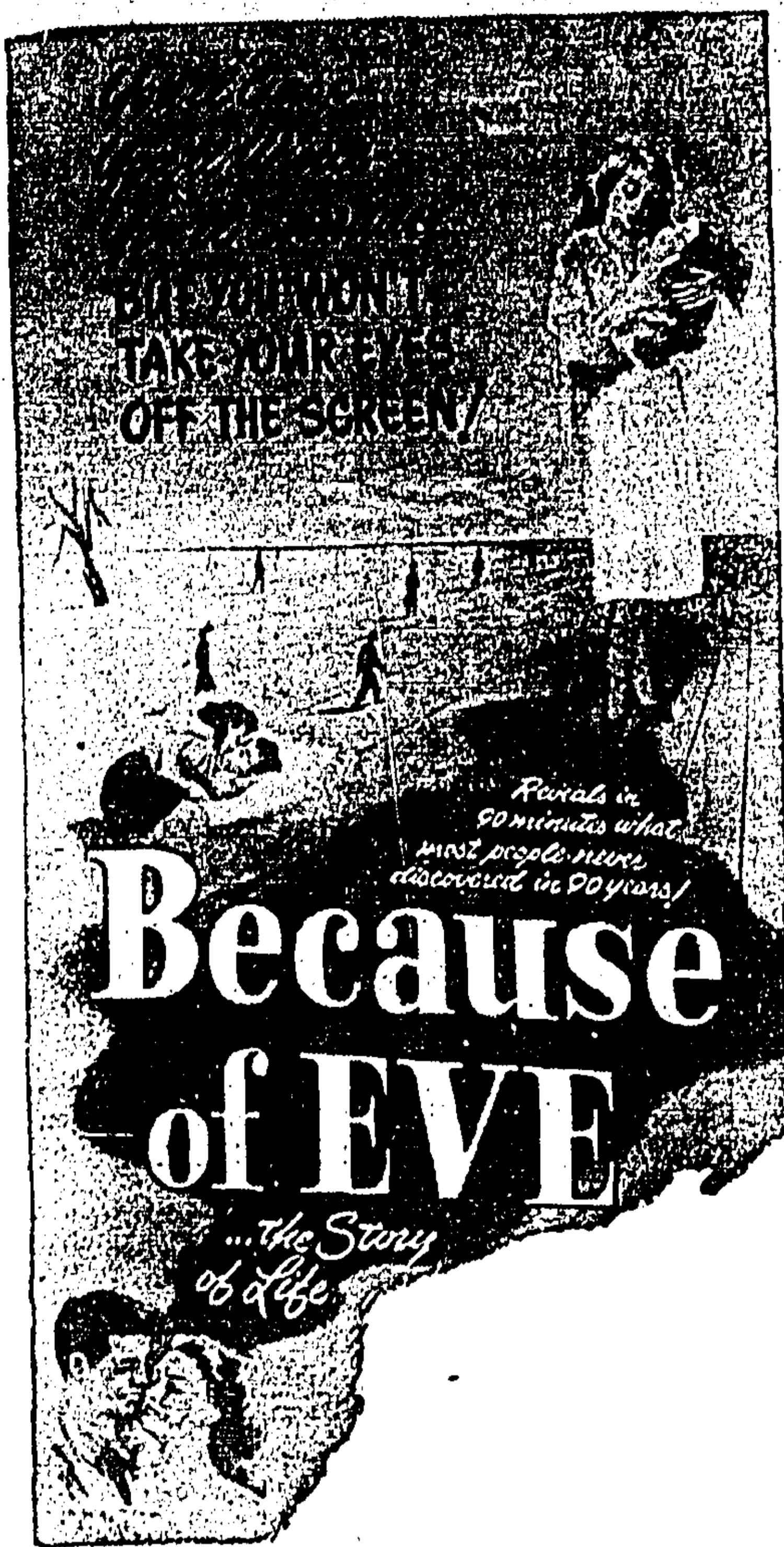
NEW—Mary Brown models this smart resort dress at Miami Beach. The pepper-and-salt silk has cornucopia pockets under the shoulders, larger ones below.



NARROW ESCAPE—When his engine went dead, pilot William Mullen, 20, attempted to land his plane on tidal flatlands. He crash-landed in Malden, Mass., and struck a car after narrowly missing a huge gas storage tank. And out of this wreckage, Mullen and another passenger miraculously emerged alive, but were placed on the critically injured list.



THE FRENCH WAY—Bill Schwarz is getting a few pointers on the French language from student war bride Marye Morehouse, from Marseilles, France, who works in a store in Clinton, New York. Students hearing her chat with instructors in her native tongue asked her how to order in French. One of her signs here shows how to order coffee in that language.

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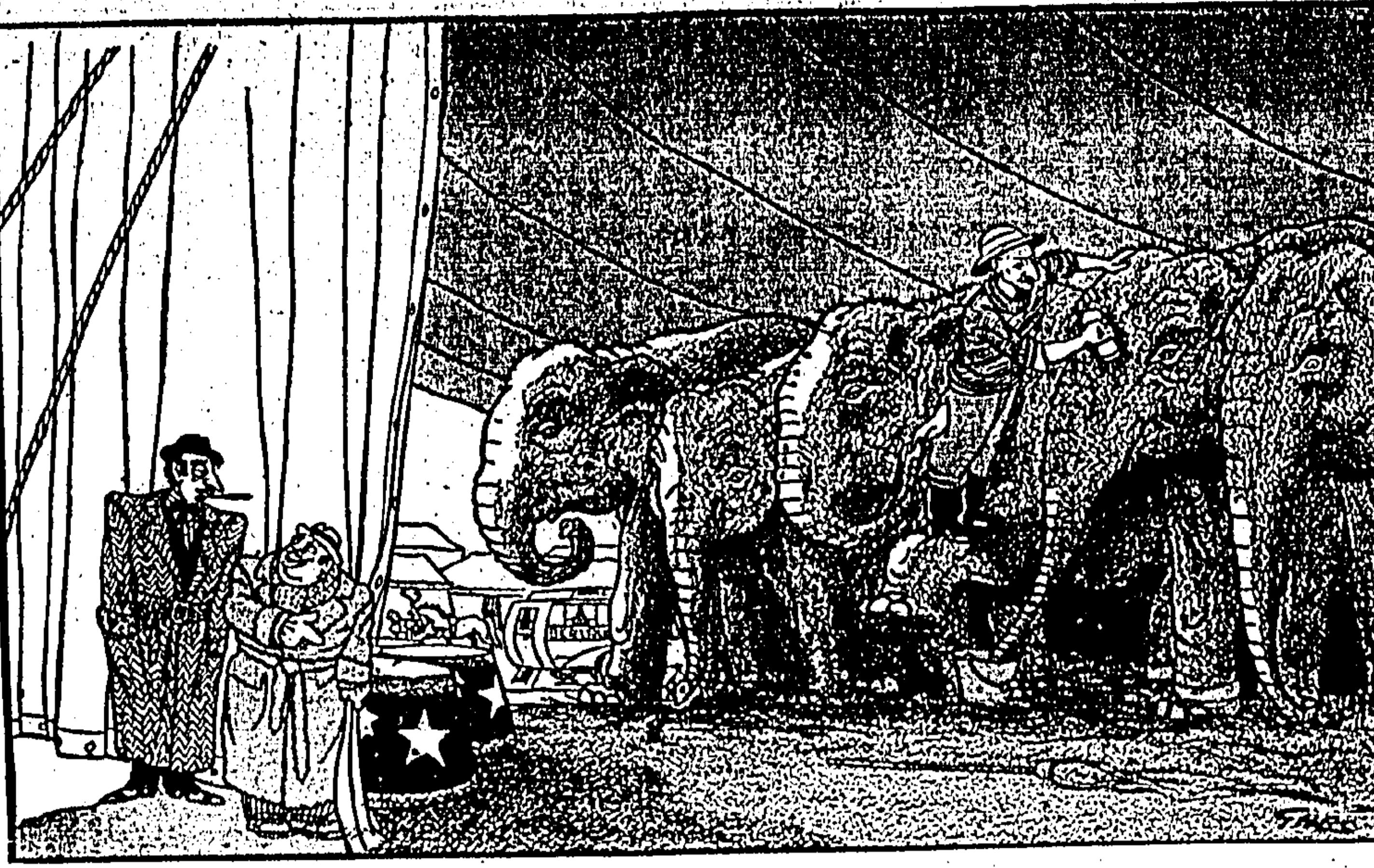
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OF THE LIFE AND DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST

HEALING THE SICK

Rich Merchant

A RICH and powerful magnate had suddenly appeared among them. His breast was decorated with a pendant disk covered with watery-blue aquamarines, black opals, and emeralds. Through the path they instantly opened for him the nobleman strode forward. But as the crowd pecked and turned their heads, they observed that the stranger's face was pale, his eyes moist. His words were incredibly humble.

"I have heard," he began without parley, "strange reports of you—a carpenter of Nazareth. There is a tale of a fountain of wine you caused to spring up at Cana. And another tale, which has gone before you, of how you read the mind of a disreputable woman at Jacob's well. Such reports have given me, a despairing man, hope. I need help. I come from Capernaum, my son is there—very ill. Please come down and heal my son, for he is at the point of death."

"Unless you see signs and wonders, you believe not," Jesus replied with a testing glance at the rich man.

"Lord, come down before my son dies," pleaded the father, breaking into sobs.

Jesus closed His eyes; this man's tears were real. Softly He spoke:

"Go your way! Your son lives."

Dubious Disciples

As the rich man looked up, there was no doubt, but only hope in his face. His eyes spoke his gratitude as without another word he turned and with outstretched arms flailed a path for himself through the crowd and ran down the open road.

The next day, as the ruler was still making his way down the steep roads to Capernaum, he was met by servants coming

up to greet him, and with news. His son lived!

"Praise God!" At what hour did he get better?

"Yesterday at the seventh hour. That, as the father knew, was the exact hour when the carpenter from Nazareth had told him: 'Your son lives!'

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He turned away from Him, hostile at first, then looked back with a bewildered air, not knowing how to account for the instant change in herself. Until then she hadn't thought much about Jesus. She had been sick. Now she was well. Strong enough to get out of bed and minister to all six of them.

Jesus had entered a private home and sat in an upper room, answering questions from a group of scholars. The Temple agents were there, too; they had orders to follow. He everywhere and miss nothing. Suddenly, overheard, they all heard a disturbance. Much annoyed, the master of the house climbed up to the roof. What he found there was a family, a wife and four sons, carrying a father, deathly ill.

The sick man's wife pleaded with the outraged husband.

Her aged husband had caught a strange disease; without warning his whole body had lost the power of movement or sensation except for an intense internal suffering. They said, the wife and the sons, who had carried the sick man to Capernaum, that no doctor in Galilee knew how to cure paralysis. More, they knew that the old man's death must soon follow.

Even A Chuckle

UPON them all, one after another, Jesus laid firm, cool hands. He blessed them, not man a weary distance here.

Once arrived, they still could

bright expression, even a not get to Jesus. The human chuckle, especially for the crush around the synagogue.

Youngsters. Not one was left.

had been too dense; no one,

with boll, or fever, or speech-

less mouth. The cripples were for them. Later He entered

the house of a friend and sat

had a straight spine, the dumb talking with them in an upper

room. So the pilgrims dragged

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America Tightens Up National Security

BAN IMPOSED ON EXPORT OF SCIENTIFIC DATA

Washington, Dec. 22.—The United States Government today tightened its machinery for keeping scientific and technical data from going to Russia.

Assassination Plot In Haiti Foiled

Havana, Dec. 22.—A plot to assassinate President Dumarsais Estime of Haiti was quashed last Saturday with the arrest of 10 conspirators, including the leader in Port-Au-Prince, Italo Roland, who is now exiled in Dominican Republic.

It was Roland, who, through the Dominican Government Radio, incited the people of Haiti to revolt during the recent abortive Haitian workers' strike.

The assassination was planned for December 27 during a reception to be given by the President.

Dupreis and two Army officers were said to be among those arrested.

The conspirators, according to informants here, planned to kill not only the President but also the Minister of the Interior, the Army Chief of Staff and the Chief of the Palace Guard.

The conspiracy was discovered when the authorities became suspicious that Dupreis was in contact with the exiled Roland.

Still Performing

Paris, Dec. 22.—"World Citizen No. 1," American-born Garry Davis, spent last night under canvas on the Rhine bank near Kehl Bridge, despite nonstop rain.

He resumed his waiting before the bridge entrance, surrounded by followers and gondoliers. One of his fellow-lowers said that Davis intended to stay there at least until the New Year—unless he is granted a visa to go to Germany in the meantime.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6—"Hongkong Calling" — Program Summary: 6.02, "Uncle Bert's Christmas Party," (Studio); 6.30, "Cantopop by Radio," (London, 7); Given by Miss Leung; 6.45, "Old Times Medley," 7; World News and News Analysis, (London, Relay); 7.15, "Sweet and Melancholic," (London, 7); 7.45, Vocal Recital by Vera Britton-Deral, (Mezzo-Soprano); 8.15, "Music and Accompaniment," (London, 7); "From the Editorials," (London, Relay); 8.16, "Quiz"; 8.20, "Music Lovers," (London, 7); "Quintuplets," (London, 7); "Pantomime," (London, 7); "Pantomime," (Recorded by Yvonne Charlier, (Studio); 9.30, Pantomime Music; 9.45, "Programme Interlude," with Joyce, (London, 7); 10.10, "London News Reel," (London, Relay); 10.15, "Weather Report," 10.15, "The Composer of the Week"; 10.30, "A Musical Interlude with the Organ and Violin"; 10.45, "New Favourite for Dancing"; 11.15, "Weather Report," and 11.30, "Music from Britain," (Recorded London Relay); "God Save the King"; 11.30, "Close down."—United Press.

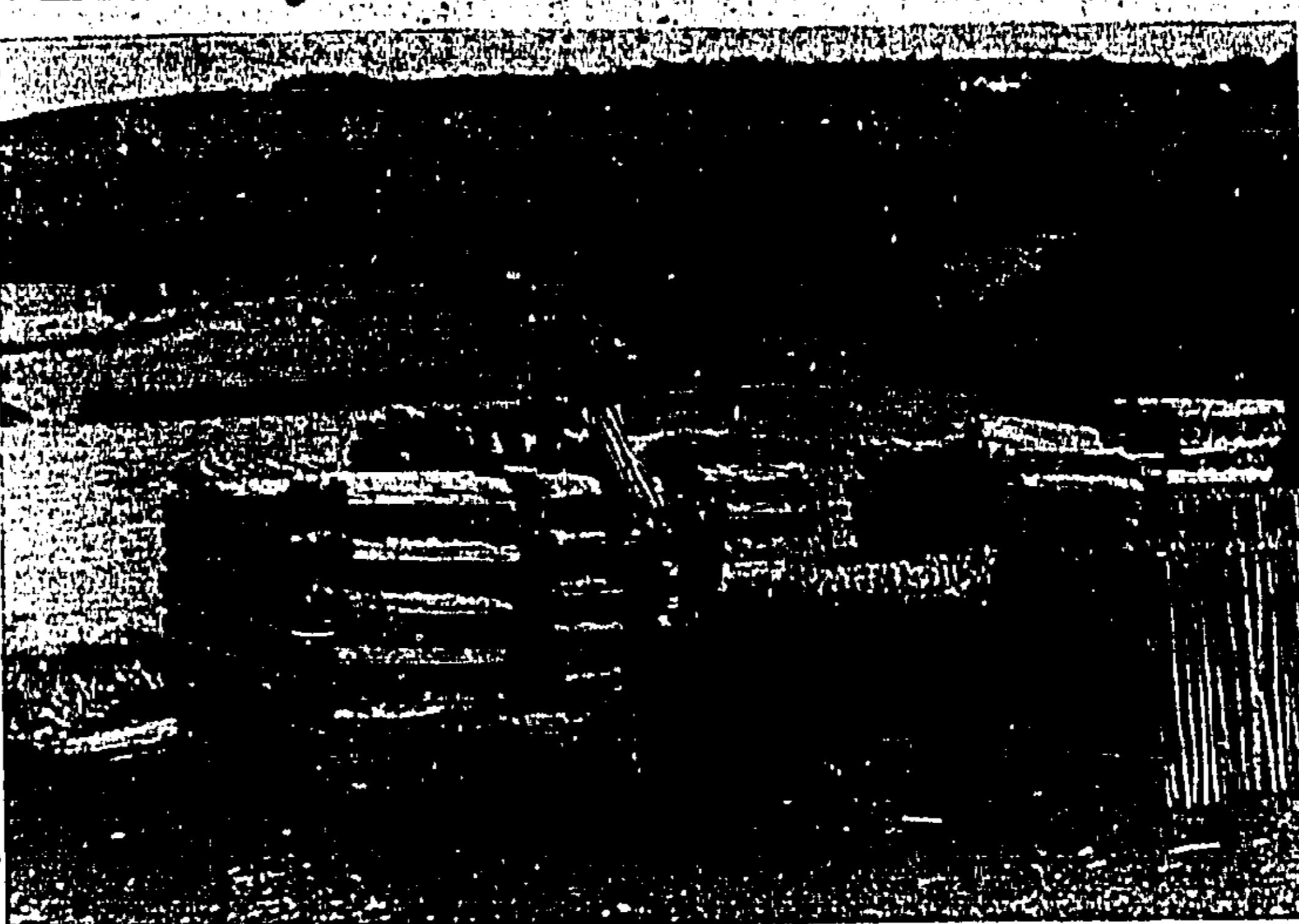
SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"We'd better wake your father now and let him put the finishing touches on the tree—otherwise he'll tell us we've decorated it lopsided!"

Industry In The Forest Of Dean



We Are Prepared, Says Quirino

CO-ORDINATION OF U.S., PHILIPPINE DEFENCES

Manila, Dec. 23.—President Quirino said in Baguio today that the Philippines was prepared to meet any emergency arising from the troubled Far Eastern situation, and indicated that there was progressive co-ordination of Philippine and United States defences in the Western Pacific.

The President disclosed that he had suggested to the United States Government the reactivation of the naval base at Guiuan, in the southeastern part of Samar.

SECURITY STUDY

Washington, Dec. 22.—The Atomic Energy Commission tonight named a special advisory panel, headed by the vice-president of Ford Motor Company, Mr. John Bugas, to study atomic security questions.

The general manager of the Commission, Mr. Carroll Wilson, said the panel would survey the

organisation and operation of the AEC security division, which is responsible for protecting atomic bomb materials, plants and secret documents. It would also advise the commission on the selection of the Director of Security.

This post has been vacant since May, when Admiral John G. Gruening resigned to return to active naval duty. Mr. Bugas, formerly in charge of agents of the Detroit FBI office, directs Ford's industrial relations.

United Press.

After conference with American officials, President Quirino declared that the mere use of "script" in military bases could not affect the stability of the Philippine currency, and that the United States' move was "doubtless and in consonance with the views of the Central Bank," which recently imposed exchange control to save dollars.—United Press.

GIRL STRANGLED

Berlin, Dec. 22.—The body of a 20-year-old German girl who had been strangled was found today along the railway track near the Soviet-British zone border point at Helmstedt.

United States Military Police caught Philippine officials by surprise and there have been fears that it might have an adverse psychological effect on the stability of the peso.

Associated Press.

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Ending Racial Segregation

East St. Louis, Illinois, Dec. 22.—Racial segregation will end in East St. Louis public schools on January 30, the Chairman of the city's Board of Education, announced. This means that Negroes will be admitted to public schools for the first time in the 85-year-old history of the school system here. Mixed education was approved because of a new State regulation denying State funds to school districts practising segregation.

Under the law, schools were faced with the loss of \$77,000 (\$242,138) annually.

The State of Illinois has forbidden segregation in public schools for years, but the law has been widely ignored in the southern part of the State.—Reuter.

Success For An "Unknown" Author

New York, Dec. 22.—An "unknown" author, 27-year-old Max Steele, an ex-service man, has won a literary award of \$10,000 here with his first book "Derby."

His novel was the unanimous choice of three judges out of 600 manuscripts submitted in Harper Brothers' prize novel contest, held every two years, designed to give special recognition to a fiction work of outstanding merit.—Reuter.

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The Boy Who Played Hookey Becomes A TENNIS STAR AT 21 —AND HE EARNS £30,000 A YEAR

BY ALAN HOBY

There is no moral to this story. It is, in fact, a horrible example to the youth of the country.

It concerns a lazy young scamp who, because he hated school and was always playing hookey, is today pulling down more than £30,000 a year.

His name? Richard Alonzo (Pancho) Gonzales, the Mexican-American who is United States Champion and the "naughty boy" of American tennis.

Swarthy, dashing, unpredictable, Gonzales, at the ripe old age of 21, is a member of the highest-paid sports group in the world.

This is the all-star professional circus comprising Bobby Riggs the promoter; Jack Kramer, the World Champion; Pancho Segura, the amiable South American; and veteran Frank Parker.

FABULOUS REWARDS

During their current American tour these five men—or rather four, for Riggs does little playing—have revolutionised what was once the polite, summer pastime of lawn tennis.

They have transformed it into such a money-spinner that it makes Soccer stars' salaries look like hanger-on from the dold.

The rewards in top-class professional tennis are fabulous.

In the past six weeks Kramer and company have picked up £42,000 in earnings alone. In the same period they grossed £60,000 dollars (over £130,000) at the gate.

It is estimated that by next August, when the tour ends, the personal pay packets of these

athletic aristocrats will total million. It's a nice "racket" if you can get it!

WINTER SURPRISE

Add to these stupefying sums the fact that in 1948 Kramer made £23,000 dollars (more than £31,000 under the old rate); that Bobby Riggs has already swelled his bankroll by £30,000 this year; and that young Pancho Gonzales will probably net £70,000 in the next two years and it can be seen that these boys are "swimming in the gravy."

But to me the most remarkable thing about these fat hauls is that a big percentage of the money is being garnered in the winter.

Such is the winter attraction of indoor tennis that the circus are breaking their tour this Christmas to fly over to London for a special indoor tournament at the Empire Pool, Wembley, beginning on Boxing Day.

PARKS PRODUCT

This will be Pancho Gonzales' first professional appearance over here. He has come a long way quickly since those child-

AFTER HAT TRICK



Brother and sister, John and Jennifer Nicks, Britain's Figure Skating Pairs Champions, seen during practice at the Empire Pool, Wembley, are to attempt to win two more championships before next April. They will travel to Oslo for the European Championships in January, and in March will be at Wembley to compete in the World Pair Skating Championships.

Placed eighth in the World Championships last year, they have been the youngest competitors in this competition for the last two years. Jennifer, at 15, was the youngest competitor in the Winter Olympics at St Moritz last year.

£100 FOR KNOCKING BRUCE WOODCOCK OFF HIS FEET

London, Dec. 22.—In order to make his training for his fight with the American, Lee Savold, as tough as possible, Bruce Woodcock, the British Heavyweight Champion, is offering £100 to any of his sparring partners who knocks him off his feet.

The fight, which was originally scheduled for the White City, London, on September 6, had to be postponed because of a road accident to Woodcock, and will now be held in London next May.

This will be the British version of the World Heavyweight Championship for the winner will be recognised by the British Boxing Board of Control.

£5 PER ROUND

Mr Tom Hurst, Woodcock's manager, is also prepared to pay £5 to the sparring partners for every round they go with the champion.

Woodcock expects to have six sparring partners when he begins the more extensive part of his training at a castle in Wales. Johnny Williams of Rugby, who is one of England's heavyweight "shops," is ready to accept Woodcock's offer.

Mr Ted Broadribb, the manager of Williams, said that Johnny was eager to act as Woodcock's chief sparring partner and to help him in his training for the big fight.

"Williams has an eye on the British and world titles himself," said Mr Broadribb. "He is ready to meet any heavyweight who thinks he has a prior claim to a fight with Woodcock. Williams is prepared to act as a doorman for Woodcock for the time being.

Anyone who wants Woodcock will have to get there over Johnny's 'dead body'."—Reuter.

Chess Tourney

Only three matches in the second round of the tournament for the Championship of the Kowloon Chess Club were contested with the courage and will-to-win shown by these Varsity boys, we should be world champions at practically everything.

And Oxford's Murray Hofmeyr, of South Africa, is full-back in the Owen Smith mould.

—(London Express Service)

FUTURE ASSURED

But he is the exception. The rule remains that the man who wins Wimbledon is assured of a nest-egg for the rest of his life.

Like Pancho, he doesn't have to know that a tennis court is a rectangle. All he has to do is get in there and play.

For although Pancho Gonzales may not know Euclid he knows all the tennis angles and how many dollars make a

good day in California when his mother presented him with a half-crown tennis racket as a Christmas present.

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FEC RESOLUTION FAVOURS GIVING JAPS CONTACTS

Washington, Dec. 22.—Authoritative sources disclosed tonight that the Far Eastern Commission moved closer to a decision on whether to give its blessing to the American proposal that the Japanese be permitted to resume "semi-diplomatic" relations with other nations of the world.

The sources said the Commission, at its regular weekly meeting today, placed on its agenda a specific resolution from its Steering Committee favouring the adoption of the American-sponsored plan, which would permit the Japanese to open offices similar to consultancies in major world ports, to establish trade contacts and protect other Japanese interests. It also would allow greater participation by Japanese in international conferences and organisations.

While the Commission has had this subject on its agenda in the form of a general subject, this was the first time that it had before it specific recommendations.

Officials said the full Commission could now proceed to a

decision early next year. The officials said while the "semi-diplomatic" establishments which the Japanese would be permitted to establish would not be actual consultancies until a peace treaty is signed, they would provide many of the same functions."

Official sources warned against being too optimistic about the Commission's approval of the proposal. They pointed out that while the Steering Committee approved the plan by a simple majority, which is all that is required, it would have to secure big power unanimity to get through the full Commission. There was as yet no indication what attitude Russia would take—whether she might use her veto.

NO DIRECT COMMENT

The Soviet representative so far has not made any comment directly on this resolution, although he made some remarks connected with it by charging the Allied occupation authorities with "deterministic" action in refusing to permit the Japanese to attend Communist-sponsored international meetings while permitting them to attend those of the Anglo-American approved.

However, the United States replied that it would never consider allowing Japanese to attend sessions of such organisations as the World Federation of Trade Unions.

The American representative on the FEC a week ago asserted that the delegates at these meetings were "subversives" pledged to work for the overthrow of some of the very governments represented on the FEC.

American officials pointed out that the United States-sponsored resolution would not force any government to accept Japanese trade and other representatives against its will, but would allow them to go to countries which were agreeable to the idea. This was designed to get around the objections of the Philippines and Australia, both of which have signified that they are not ready to resume even this limited form of relations with Japan.

United Press.

POPE'S HOLY YEAR GIFT

Vatican City, Dec. 22.—Italian workers today presented to the Pope the ivory and golden hammer and trowel with which he will on Saturday knock open the "Holy Door" of St Peter's.

With this symbolic gesture the Pope will initiate the Holy Year of the Catholic Church. The Pope received the hammer and trowel in his Vatican apartment from a delegation comprising a tram driver, a metal worker, a printer, a farm worker, a Minister of War clerk, a bricklayer, a small farmer and a salesgirl.

Thousands of Italian workers contributed 10 lire each to buy the hammer and trowel, which are of the usual size and of exquisite workmanship.

The heads of the tools are silver plated and embossed with the arms of the principal crafts. The handles are of silver, chased in silver gilt. They were presented in a silver-mounted maplewood box.

Reuter.

Quoted by a Communist broadsheet picked up here, Mao said that Marshal Stalin had developed the revolutionary theory of Marxism-Leninism and had made highly outstanding and extensive contributions to the cause of the world Communist movement.

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Weapons Turned In



All ceremonial weapons are supposed to be turned over to the Japanese authorities to be broken up for scrap in the drive for "demilitarisation."

Stalin In Public With Mao

Moscow, Dec. 22.—A photograph in today's *Izvestia*, the Soviet Government newspaper, showed Marshal Stalin at the birthday celebration in his honour last night at the Bolshoi Theatre here sitting in his Marshal's uniform with the Chinese Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung, on his right.

In the picture, printed on the front page, Mr. N.S. Krushchev, whose appointment as First Secretary of the Moscow Regional Communist Party was announced on Sunday, was sitting on Stalin's left.

They were in the middle of a group sitting behind the long Prandium table—a flag and flower-decked stage.

At the table from left to right, were the following:

Signor Palmiro Togliatti, Secretary-General of the Italian Communist Party, M. Lazar Kaganovich, Deputy Soviet Prime Minister and Member of the Politburo, Mr. Mao Tse-tung, Marshal Stalin, M. Krushchev, Senator Dolores Ibárruri ("La Pasionaria"), General-Secretary of the Spanish Communist Party, M. Nikolai Shvernik, Soviet President who took the chair but stood for the picture, M. Georgii Malenkov, Deputy Premier and Politburo member, Marshal Lavrenti Beria, Deputy Premier and Politburo member, Marshal Klement Voroshilov, also Deputy Premier and Politburo member, M. Vyacheslav Molotov, also Deputy Premier and Politburo member, M. Anastas Mikoyan, another Deputy Premier and Politburo member and M. Matyas Rokosi, Secretary of the Hungarian Communist Party and the Hungarian Deputy Premier.

In the background at the centre of the stage was a huge portrait of Stalin above which a streamer proclaimed "Long live the great leader and teacher of the Communist Party and Soviet people, Comrade J.V. Stalin."—Reuter.

MAC'S PRAISES

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Mao Tse-tung, the Chinese Communist leader, called Marshal Stalin "the teacher and friend of the people of the world as well as of the Chinese people" when he spoke at an official gathering at the Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow on the occasion of the Soviet leader's 70th birthday.

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KING'S LETTER TO LEOPOLD

Brussels, Dec. 22.—A letter which King George VI wrote to King Leopold of the Belgians, following the latter's decision to remain in Belgium, after his surrender to the Germans in May 1940, was published for the first time by the Brussels newspaper, *Le Soir*, today.

In his letter, King George expressed grave concern as to King Leopold's decision.

King George's letter was in reply to the one in which Leopold III informed him about the decision to remain in German-occupied Belgium.

In taking this decision, King George replied, "Your Majesty will not have failed to see the extreme importance of establishing a Belgian Government with full powers outside of the territory occupied by the enemy. Therefore, while paying tribute to the self-sacrifice of Your Majesty, I and my Government must express our grave concern as to this decision."

The letter goes on: "While it would have been presumptuous on my part to advise you on the question of your duty towards your people, I can, nevertheless, say that as far as the Allies and the fulfilment of their common war aim are concerned, I have not the impression that Your Majesty should be called upon to make the sacrifice which he intends to."—Reuter.

Distress Call By Husband

Scarborough, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Williamson listened in on a radio-telephone ship-to-shore conversation to get a personal message from her husband skipper of a small fishing boat.

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The ship, leaking badly, was hauled into port.—Associated Press.

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